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Applicants are advised that, in the current application, Claims 46, 55, 56, 58, 59, 65, 72, 140, 143, 145, 148 and 148 are allowable, while Claims 47, 52, 54, 57, 60, 61, 62, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 135, 138, 139, 144, 146 and 147 read on US Patent 6,812,339 (Venter, 2004) with an effective filing date AFTER that of the instant application.

Applicants are advised that a declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 would not be sufficient to overcome the US patent reference, since it is claiming the same invention. Applicants could suggest an interference (see § 41.202 of the Federal Register, Vol. 69, No. 155, Thursday, August 12, 2004).

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